

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT  
OF THE  
INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON  
SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**



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## **I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE**

The Indiana General Assembly enacted P.L.182-2009 (ss), SECTION 512 directing the Committee to study issues related to the school funding formula. The legislation required the Committee to be established by the Legislative Council as a two (2) year study committee.

## **II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM**

The Committee met twice during the 2009 interim session. The first meeting was held on September 23 and the second meeting was held on October 19.

In the first meeting, the Committee heard testimony from a school superintendent and various school education associations expressing a need for reform in the school funding formula and various other funding statutes. Only one person expressed concern that improvements could not be made in the current formula. Several witnesses suggested that the biggest hurdle would be finding additional money to fully fund current programs and to increase the total amount distributed to elementary and high schools.

In the second meeting the Committee heard testimony from the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy at Indiana University concerning the study the Center is doing on the issue of school funding adequacy and from witnesses discussing the relative merits of switching school corporations from a calendar year budgeting cycle to a school year budgeting cycle.

The Committee is not required to file a final report until the 2010 interim session.

Meeting minutes for the Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.